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LATE ITEM

CONGO (INFORMATION AS OF 0830 EST):

A. THE REBELS ARE PUTTING UP A STIFFER RESISTANCE THAN EXPECTED.

B. SIZABLE NUMBERS ARE STILL FIGHTING IN AND AROUND STANLEYVILLE. VAN DER WALLE DOES NOT NOW EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY MAJOR MOVE OUTSIDE THE CITY FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

C. A SIMILAR SITUATION HOLDS IN PAULIS. SOUTH OF STANLEYVILLE THE REBELS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE SEEPED BACK INTO PUNIA IN THE WAKE OF VAN DER WALLE'S ADVANCE. THEY MAY ALSO HAVE REGAINED THE UPPER HAND IN THE UVIRA-KINDU-ALBERTVILLE TRIANGLE.

D. NO REBEL LEADERS HAVE BEEN REPORTED CAPTURED. THEY MAY STILL REGROUP AND GET OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.

E. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT AN ALGERIAN AIRCRAFT HAS MADE TWO MORE ARMS DELIVERIES THROUGH UGANDA AND THAT CHINESE COMMUNIST AMMUNITION IS BEING SENT THROUGH TANGANYIKA AND BURUNDI.

F. IN A SPEECH YESTERDAY BEN BELLA SAID "WE WILL SEND ARMS AND VOLUNTEERS TO OUR CONGOLESE BROTHERS, LIKE WE ALREADY HAVE."

G. ANTI-US AND ANTI-BELGIAN DEMONSTRATIONS ARE CONTINUING IN VARIOUS AFRICAN CAPITALS. ONE OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS IS APPARENTLY SCHEDULED FOR BRAZZAVILLE TODAY.

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H. THE CZECHS AND BULGARIANS [REDACTED] APOLO-  
GIZED FOR THE ATTACKS ON US INSTALLATIONS IN THEIR CAPI-  
TALS AND HAVE PROMISED RESTITUTION.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--27 NOVEMBER 1964

1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. HUONG HAS DECLARED 30 DAYS OF MARTIAL LAW IN SAIGON  
EFFECTIVE TODAY AND HAS PUT THE POLICE UNDER MILITARY COMMAND. 50X1

B. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AMBASSADOR JOHNSON INTENDS TO PRESS KHANH FOR  
A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT.

C. YESTERDAY JOHNSON TALKED TO MEMBERS OF THE HIGH NATIONAL COUNCIL WHO SAID THEY STILL THINK SOME CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN HUONG'S GOVERNMENT, BUT AGREE THIS CANNOT BE DONE "UNDER MOB PRESSURE."

D. BUDDHIST LEADER TAM CHAU, WHO HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COUNCIL DISMISS HUONG, IS SCHEDULED TO TALK WITH CHIEF OF STATE SUU TODAY. OUT OF THIS MAY COME A DECISION WHETHER TO CONTINUE BUDDHIST DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. UN:

A. U THANT IS SPONSORING A PROPOSAL THAT COULD POSTPONE A SHOWDOWN ON ARTICLE 19.

B. THE PLAN WOULD REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHEN IT OPENS ON 1 DECEMBER, TO RESTRICT ITS DISCUSSION TO SUBJECTS WHICH REQUIRE NO VOTING. ONLY ISSUES THAT CAN BE APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION WOULD BE DEALT WITH.

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C. A SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEANWHILE WOULD WORK ON THE FINANCING PROBLEM.

D. U THANT HAS APPARENTLY HAD A GOOD RESPONSE. THE SOVIET DELEGATE, HOWEVER, WAS NONCOMMITTAL, AND A FINAL SOVIET RESPONSE MAY HAVE TO AWAIT GROMYKO'S ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK.

3. BRAZIL:

A. THE FEDERAL TAKEOVER OF GOIAS STATE HAS SO FAR MET NO RESISTANCE. THE ARMED FORCES THERE AND ELSEWHERE IN BRAZIL HAVE BEEN ALERTED IN CASE DISTURBANCES DEVELOP.

B. BORGES HAS BEEN RELIEVED OF HIS GOVERNORSHIP BUT REMAINS FREE. SEVERAL OTHER "SUBVERSIVE" STATE OFFICIALS ARE UNDER ARREST.

C. UNDER THE CONSTITUTION, THE INTERVENTION DECREE MUST BE APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL LEGISLATURE, WHICH IS REPORTED READY TO MEET THIS WEEKEND.

D. REJECTION WOULD MEAN THE REINSTALLATION OF BORGES, BUT THE BRANCO GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IT HAS THE VOTES.

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4. USSR-MLF:

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A. MOSCOW IS WIDENING ITS CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE WESTERN OPPOSITION TO THE MLF.

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5. USSR-CHINA-VIETNAM:

A. MOSCOW AND PEIPING HAVE BOTH ISSUED WARNINGS AGAINST US EXTENSION OF THE WAR IN SOUTH VIETNAM, TIMING THEIR STATEMENTS TO COINCIDE WITH AMBASSADOR TAYLOR'S TRIP.

B. TASS SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE USSR "CANNOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT" AND IS PREPARED TO GIVE HANOI "THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE." THE STATEMENT IS TOUGHER AND MORE SPECIFIC THAN THE VAGUE PLEDGES MADE DURING THE TONKIN GULF INCIDENTS.

C. PEIPING'S PEOPLE'S DAILY SAID ON WEDNESDAY THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE HAVE INDICATED "MORE THAN ONCE THAT AN ATTACK ON NORTH VIETNAM IS AN ATTACK ON CHINA." IT DID NOT, HOWEVER, SPELL OUT WHAT CONSTITUTED AN ATTACK.

6. NOTES:

A. LAOS: THE NEUTRALISTS NOW HOPE TO MOUNT A NEW OPERATION AGAINST PHOU KOUT ON OR ABOUT 2 DECEMBER. KONG LE SAYS THE MOVE HAS SOUVANNA'S APPROVAL. OUR EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE BELIEVES THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS THIS TIME.

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B. JAPAN - ITALY - COMMUNIST CHINA

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C. INDONESIA-JAPAN-MALAYSIA: THE JAPANESE MAY BE TRY-  
ING AGAIN TO MEDIATE THE INDONESIAN-MALAYSIAN DISPUTE.

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D. GHANA-US:

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E. PANAMA: ANOTHER MASS MEETING OF STUDENTS IS SCHEDULED  
FOR TONIGHT, BUT THE NATIONAL GUARD IS EXPECTED TO HAVE NO  
TROUBLE IN HANDLING IT.

F. VENEZUELA: THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED  
REPORTS OF FALN PLANS FOR MORE KIDNAPPINGS.

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G. CUBA: CASTRO'S SUSPENSION LAST WEEK OF "OLD-LINE" COMMUNIST JOAQUIN ORDOQUI HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY A SPATE OF RUMORS ABOUT TROUBLE IN HAVANA. THE RUMORS, WHICH WE CANNOT CONFIRM, SAY THAT ORDOQUI'S COMRADES ARE TRYING TO TAKE OVER FROM CASTRO AND HIS NEO-COMMUNIST FOLLOWERS AND THAT CASTRO'S POSITION IS IN DANGER.

H. CAMBODIA: SIHANOUK NOW SAYS THAT HE WILL NEGOTIATE WITH NORTH VIETNAM AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT.

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